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These... progenitors. You can't sense them, Inan?
Not anymore. I can feel the dark vibranium woven into Wakanda, but before it was like hearing an antenna get a signal.
Now... nothing but silence.
So we can turn the power back on?
I would not recommend that.
Many predators are silent before the moment they strike.
So, what? We wait with campfires and see what happens?
The Vodu-Khan tried to kill me. The people here are terrified. T'Challa is gone, Ororo with him.
Someone needs to do something.
No one is stopping you from acting, Erik. Shuri admires you. Okoye admires you.
I'm an outsider here. I can't prescribe what needs to happen.
But what would you suggest?

This...Moon Knight. Ra and Khonshu. They used this dark vibranium.
I doubt they would have without knowing its secrets.
You think I should ask them?
T'Challa would ask them.
I think you should make them speak.
Okoye would not approve of that.
The queen does not have to know.
I can make certain she won't.
This is called the "Athame of Woe." And it does what you can imagine it does.
Why are you aligning with me, Inan? What's your interest in this? You're not Wakandan.
In my meditation, I saw what these progenitors are capable of, and I felt their desire.
It's time to take off the gloves. For the sake of the world.
I'm a sorcerer. Not a humanitarian. And in the face of evil...

"...everything is permitted."
ZZZZZT
Did you hear that?
Hear what?
THUMP
WHUMF
Brother, I see--
--mmf!

Their power has been nullified.
You can take your time.
CHK
I don't know which one of you is the leader. I don't care.
I don't even understand how any of this trickery works.
But I know you must understand what vibranium is *hiding.*
Because you wanted to use it for yourself.
Inan. Let them speak.
You're not the king.
Nope.
But I'm the one in your cell...

...and I don't have the rules of a king.
Hmm. I remember you.
The vagabond. With the jungle woman. Found a home here, have you?
You have no idea what this place is.
And you can't kill me.
The *real* king believes I have value.
I don't want to kill you.
From what the ***Sorceress Supreme*** tells me, this dagger is filled with the pain of everyone it has ever cut.
And it can give all of those generations of pain to anyone else.
So I'm going to ask you--
--tell me what you know.
Or don't.
And I'll ask you again once the dagger is finished with you.

I am no stranger to pain, vagabond.
Yeah.
Figured.
AAAGH!

Four weeks ago.
Where is Ororo?
You cannot ask me questions. You are nothing. You should be on your knees.
KAAM

HRNGH!
KRAK
KRAK
Hruaaah!
There is a side of me...

...you don't want to know.
Whatever you are.
Heh... heh...
HAHAHA
Gurk!
Now I will help you kneel.

Gnnnhhh...
WHUMPF
CRASH

You had a role in this. But that role is finished. Your bloodline has done what must be done.
So now your blood means nothing at all.
KRAK
AHHGH!

Kiss your precious ground.
...Stop... you...
Fragile man. You don't even know what I am.

HRAAAA--

Place your faith in me, child.
GRRRRRRRR
BLOOD BROTHERS

ARRGGHH!

Nnngh...
The responsibility of all generations has found you.
...Bast...
What you call the Progenitor. He will return. And you are not ready to stop him.

But I can make you strong enough.
Strong enough for the truth.
Strong enough for the pain.
Strong enough to keep your kingdom, and this world, free.
You must do what your ancestors could not.
You cannot *wear* the panther.
You must *become* it.

Now.
We do *not* torture people in Wakanda!
There *is* no Wakanda, Okoye.
You have buildings you can't trust. Technology you don't understand. And you have a *traitor.*
"Traitor." We neutralized that spy. And Matron Imala's zealots have been banished.
I'm not talking about them. I'm talking about someone close enough to kill T'Challa's father. And tell "Moon Knight" T'Challa's moves.
One of those magicians in your cell told me who it is, and he was in no condition to lie.
Who?

Shuri.
What?
I don't care what you did to him in that cell. He's lying. She wouldn't let her own father die.
And that's not the only thing he said.
He said that Wakanda isn't a city. It's a *gateway*. Dark vibranium breaks a rift between dimensions. It's more than unbreakable metal and a conductive power source.
Yeah. I read too.
Ancient Wakandans used a power they didn't fully understand. And the price of that power has created a gateway to beings that want their world here.
And for our world to become theirs.
So what do we do to stop them?

"Khonshu said dark vibranium also created a way for the Gods to visit the world of men.
"Your *Black Panther* was a tribute to these Gods.
"And T'Challa's blood has part of them in it. All his line do.
"We need to find T'Challa.
"And T'Challa needs to *claim his power* to win this war."
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